

DRIVING CRIMINALS FROM BIG CITIES MAY AFFECT SMALLER ONES

Drastic Orders to Halt "Crime Wave" May Scatter Suspects

PRECAUTION MAY BE NECESSARY

Drastic orders issued by the police officials of the larger cities, with reference to the "wave of crime" now sweeping the country, is apt to have a serious side for the smaller municipalities throughout the country. The big cities are chasing all criminals and suspicious characters from their borders, and as a consequence there is quite an exodus of these gentry from their former haunts.

Of course these characters will land somewhere, and if they cannot locate in the big cities, they will have to be content with the smaller ones for the time being. In their new environments they will not hesitate to follow their usual profession, by living off those whom they can rob. Under such circumstances it behooves every citizen to be watchful and careful and to keep an eye on every suspicious character.

Many merchants throughout this section of the valley have taken every precaution to be prepared against any effort to rob their stores, and while these efforts in some instances may be futile, it shows that business men realize the serious condition of affairs at the present time, and are endeavoring to prepare for them.

Up to the present time the valley has been quite free from any efforts of this character, but under existing conditions in the larger centers of population it is well to be prepared for any eventualities. Police officials in many of the larger cities have directed police officers to "shoot to kill," and this order is apt to cause quite an exodus of undesirable characters. In consequence smaller communities need to be particularly careful at this time.

MONESSEN WILL SOON HAVE CITY CHARTER

Preliminary papers for the grant of a charter as a city of the third class has been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth by the authorities of Monessen, and soon after the first of the year the warrant of the commonwealth for that municipality to exercise the prerogative of such a government will be issued. The new city will hold an election next November for a Mayor and councilmen, as well as other city officials.

Christmas Gifts.

An enlargement from your favorite negative makes an appropriate and inexpensive gift for Christmas. Mattie H. Kelley, 211 McKean Ave., Charleroi, Pa.

AUTO OWNERS MUST OBSERVE REGULATIONS

Autoists who fail to attach the license plate in a conspicuous position after January 1 will be liable to arrest under a state automobile law, Lieutenant of Traffic Emil Marshall, of the Pittsburgh police announced on Saturday. "The plate must be so hung that the number can be read from all possible angles," he said. It was also stated that every motorist who has not supplied himself with 1921 plates will be taken into custody after January 1.

SENT SIX MONTHS TO COUNTY JAIL

Ovide Costello, convicted at the last term of court of highway robbery, was on Monday sentenced to pay the costs, a fine of \$1 and to undergo imprisonment in the county jail for six months. The court said the offense was a serious one and that the defendant might have been sent to the penitentiary. He, however, according to statements made and letters submitted to court, had been a sober, industrious young man, but had been running about with what was known as a "bad gang."

He was alleged to have held up and robbed Peter McIlvried. The defendant had been employed at the Macbeth-Evans factory, and the foremen and assistant foremen there submitted letters testifying to the former good character of the defendant. A parole was asked by the court held up the granting of it, pending further investigation. Some protest had been made to the court against a parole being granted.

Charles J. Feuster

Charles J. Feuster died at his home on Maple Creek, at 3:30 o'clock Tuesday morning, of heart trouble, aged 30 years. The deceased was a member of the coal firm of Reed & Feuster, which operates a local mine on Maple creek. He is survived by his wife, one daughter Iva and two sons, Ira and Charles. His mother, Mrs. Emma Feuster, and one sister, Mrs. Charles Stroud. Funeral services in charge of Rev. Lake of the First Christian church, Charleroi, will be held from the late home of the deceased, Maple creek, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, interment in Maple Creek cemetery.

Notice.

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HEARING TODAY FOR DISTILLERY RAIDERS

Roy Sparks, Bert Whalen, William Riley and Leslie Miller, all of Republic, Fayette county, and Max Jacobs, of Centerville, arrested by Federal Prohibition agents and state policemen following a gun fight early Monday morning, when an attempt was made to rob the Vandergrift distillery at Centerville, were taken before the United States Commissioner in Pittsburgh this morning for a hearing. According to the government agents, all of the accused, with the exception of Jacobs admit being implicated in the attempt to rob the distillery.

A package containing \$1,470, which is said to have been given to one of the watchmen at the distillery to allow entry to the building and removal of whiskey, was turned over to United States District Attorney D. J. Driscoll on Tuesday by prohibition agents. The agents saw that during the battle one of the robbers, wounded, escaped by crossing the river in a skiff.

Agent A. A. Keenmerling said complaints charging theft of 34 barrels of whiskey, the giving of a bribe and breaking government seals will be preferred against the men under arrest.

DONORA YOUNG MEN ARRESTED AS THIEVES

Three young men held up Laird Cole, 16 years old, in the accessories department of the Central Auto company at Brownsville on Tuesday afternoon, and robbed the cash register of \$148.

Before they could leave the building they were captured by Hyman Goldman, manager of the company, who held them until the police arrived. They gave their names as G. E. Hathaway, William Taylor and Joseph Ruesh, all of Donora.

The men drove up to the office in an automobile and entering the accessories department where Cole was alone drove him from the building. He summoned Goldman and the three men were trapped in the building.

"TWO-BIT" RESTAURANT MEALS ARE PREDICTED

A telegram from Detroit says the "two-bit" meal is coming back. The management of the largest chain of restaurants in Detroit on Tuesday announced a reduction of from 25 to 50 per cent on all food prices. This means, according to restaurant men, that the 25-cent meal will soon be with us.

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POLICE DIRECTED TO STOP ALL STRANGERS

Chief of Police Albright has issued orders to patrolmen to stop all strangers found on the streets of Charleroi, after 12 o'clock at night, and require them to give an account of themselves. If they claim to be stopping at a hotel, the police have been instructed to accompany them to the hotel in question and verify the statement. If they cannot give a satisfactory account of themselves they will be taken to the police station and locked up. This precaution is taken because of the crime wave which is now sweeping the country, and which may involve the smaller municipalities unless drastic measures are taken to curb it.

GOLICK GIRL WILL SURRENDER TO POLICE

Ella Golick, the girl wanted for the shooting of Ambrose Deoley last Thursday night, has been located and will be surrendered to the local police within the next forty-eight hours. Her brother and brother-in-law were at the local police station this morning, arranging through Chief Albright the amount of bail required by the District Attorney. As soon as the amount is stated, a bond will be arranged and the girl taken before a local justice to have the bail accepted.

RELEASE PRISONER WHO CONVICTED HOGAN

Herman C. Verndell, who has been held in the Washington county jail for the past five months, on a charge of felonious breaking and larceny, has been released, the case against him being not-prosecuted, or in other words not prosecuted. Verndell, with others, was alleged to have participated in the robbery of the Vandergrift distillery at Centerville, which has been a target for those anxious to get hold of some real bonded liquor.

It will be recalled that Verndell gave valuable evidence for the commonwealth in the case against Jack Rogan, who was convicted at the last term of court of having part in the looting of the First National Bank of Finleyville last May. L. C. Gray and Charles Gray, held with Verndell, entered pleas of guilty and were sentenced to seven months' imprisonment.

LIZARD IS HEADED FOR EASTERN STATES

The Central states from the Rocky mountain eastward to the Great Lakes region were in the grip of a blizzard on Tuesday, according to weather department reports. Heavy snowfalls were reported. Freezing temperature on Tuesday, however, served to diminish the snowfall, but according to weather bureau officials considerable snow will fall in the territory within the next few days.

MUCH ROAD WORK DONE BY COMMISSIONERS PAST YEAR

PLEADS GUILTY AND IS SENT TO HUNTINGDON

Herbert Dietz, aged 19 years, admitted before Judge Melville in court at Washington on Monday that he was guilty of larceny and forgery. He was sentenced to the Huntingdon reformatory. He was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad company at West Brownsville Junction as a boarding clerk and was in the office of the paymaster. While there he stole three paychecks, to the value of about \$300, endorsed the name of the payee on the back and secured the money.

BRINGS SUIT FOR USE OF PROPERTY

R. C. Mountser has filed a suit against the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company to recover the sum of \$5,276 alleged due for the use of certain road making machinery.

The defendant company, as guarantor of a contractor holding a contract for the Claysville-Burnsville road, took over the construction work on that road. The plaintiff avers that on September 3, 1918, he owned this road-making machinery, consisting of a concrete mixer, stone crusher and bins, one sprinkling wagon, etc. It is stored at the farm of J. A. Hutchinson, in West Finley township, adjacent to the road improved, and was in the custody of J. A. Hutchinson, as bailee or agent for the plaintiff.

Mr. Hutchinson, it is averred, without an agreement as to the compensation to be paid for the use of this equipment, delivered the same to the defendant company. It is averred they used the same from September 3, 1918, to December 4, 1919. A fair and reasonable rental, it is averred, is \$5,276.

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Highways in 'Fairly Good Shape for the Winter Season

FUTURE PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHT

President J. E. Johnston of the board of county commissioners, in speaking of the present condition of the highways of the county said:

"The county has done extensive work in the northern and eastern ends, as well as in the central, southwestern and northwestern portions and has placed many miles of roadway in first class condition for months to come. Contracts carried over from last year have practically all been completed, and all of these in 1920 have been carried out, excepting, of course, the very recent ones having to do with the Burgettstown-Buiger road in the north, the Washington-West Middletown road in the central part and the Finleyville-Library road in the east. All of these, however, are on the list for early work next spring, which will be pushed to conclusion as fast as possible; in fact, considerable work has already been done on these contracts to place them in passable condition for the winter.

"Other projects are contemplated for 1921 and immediately thereafter, and we feel sure that our program of road work will be carried out to the latter and that Washington county will soon be lifted out of the mud." The state highway department is lending a willing hand here and has finished its contracts successfully, excepting that recently let for the Monongahela pike, which will be pushed through early in 1921, and the taking up of the rebuilding of the Speers-Coal Centre road, upon which some adjustments must yet be made."

Mr. Johnson said the condition of the county finances was good, but that it would be necessary to have a bond issue next year of \$160,000 to cover the building of the Burgettstown-Hickory road.

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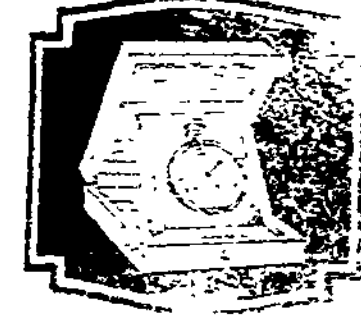
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Many American Cities Suggest Age and Permanence, Says E. V. Lucas, Visitor From Europe.

Looking back on it all, I realize that America never struck me as a new country, although its inhabitants often seemed to be a new people. writes E. V. Lucas in the Outlook. The cities are more mature than the citizens. New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, Washington—all have an air of permanence and age. The buildings, even when most fantastic, suggest indigence or at least stability; nor would the presence of more ancient structures increase this effect.

To the eye of the ordinary Englishman, accustomed to work in what we call the city, in Fleet street, in the Strand, in Piccadilly or in Oxford street, New York would not appear to be a younger place than London, and Boston might easily strike him as older. Nor is London more than a little older, except in spots, such as the Tower, and the Temple and the Abbey and that little Tudor row in Holborn, all separated by vast tracts of modernity.

Indeed, I would almost go further and say that London sets up an illusion of being never even than New York, by reason of its more disturbing street traffic both in the roads and on the footways, and the prevalence of the garly colored omnibuses which thunders along so many thoroughfares, in notable contrast to the sedate and sober vehicles that serve Fifth avenue and are hardly seen elsewhere.

LEARNED SECRET OF INDIANS

Boy's Chance Discovery Revealed How Aborigines Constructed Their Bone Arrow Heads.

Cushing, an eminent authority in matters pertaining to the Indians, has told us how, as a boy, he learned the way Indians made their flint arrow heads.

He had unearthed a beautiful harpoon of bone. He had a toothbrush with him, and the bone handle of this he chopped off and ground down on a piece of sandstone to make a harpoon of his own; but he could not grind such clean-cut barbs as those of the real.

The boy then took his flint-scales and chips and set to work with them. The flint cut the bones away, but left the work rough. Then accidentally he made a discovery, for no sooner

had he begun to rub the bone transversely on the flint than the bone cut the flint away. Not jaggedly, as his hammer-stone would have chipped it, but in long, continuously narrow surface furrows wherever the edge was caught in the bone at a certain angle.

He never finished that harpoon. He turned it about and used it as an arrow cutter, by tying it to a little rod of wood with a shoestring. He had found out how the Indians made arrow heads.

One Against the Archbishop.

In his book, "Our Family Affairs," Mr. E. F. Benson, the English novelist, tells of a joke he played on his father, the archbishop of Canterbury.

The archbishop was a loving but exacting parent, although he sometimes nodded. He certainly did so one hot Sunday afternoon when Mr. Benson was deputed to read the life of St. Francis to him and the assembled family in the garden.

The tranquillity of the listeners became after a while so remarkable that the reader decided to test it by giving them a senseless jumble of lines selected at haphazard from different pages of the volume. No one stirred till the cessation of his voice caused the primate of England to open his eyes.

"Wonderful!" he said. "Is that the end, Fred?"

"Yes, that's all!" said Fred.

"Money? Pough!"

"I don't know how much Sarah Bernhardt got for her recent farewell performances in London, but I don't suppose it was much less than the £1,000 a night she was paid by the theatre last year at a West end music hall. The divine Sarah has made and spent more fortunes than any other woman, one of her American tours realizing £200,000.

But she cares nothing about money. "Oh, I care nothing about money," she says. "Nothing, nothing, I say. It comes, it goes, I keep to my point. I could not spend money, I would not. Money is to spend, I don't want it. I don't either. I have enough. I never calculate. I can't calculate. Oh, bother the money!"—London Tit-Bits.

United States King Celebrates.

Mike Fogel, "King" of Moorea Island, who at one time was a San Francisco musician, recently gave an elaborate banquet and hula-hula dance to all of his native subjects in

celebration of the first anniversary of the beginning of his reign. Fogel became "king" when he married Taura Mata, native "queen" of the island, whose husband died when influenza swept the Society Islands. At the banquet Fogel served native foods cooked in European style. The natives, who never before tasted food cooked other than in the traditional manner, enjoyed the banquet immensely. Ten oil drums and four ancient hollow drums furnished "music" for the dancing, in which 200 girls took part. The dance lasted until daybreak.

Lent Long Observed.

The custom of observing Lent dates from the early history of the Catholic church. Before the third century there is positive evidence of the solemn observance of the last two days of Holy week, and it gradually spread to include the whole week. Finally, in 325, the council of Nicea, recognized the period of 40 days' fasting in commemoration of the fasting of Christ as an established custom. In the medieval church the fasting was very strictly observed, and included abstinence from all meat, milk and its products, and from all food until evening.

Obstacles Test Character.

One's vision is apt to become blurred in passing through great crises, in periods of general depression, in times of financial stress, but this is really the test of a strong character—that he does not allow obstacles to divert him from his one aim. The man who is made of the stuff that wins hangs on to his vision, even to the point of starvation, for he knows that there is only one way of bringing it down to earth and that is by clinging to it through storm and stress, in spite of every obstacle and discouragement.—Orison Street Market in Chicago Daily News.

Why "Hoosier" Stated?

The Indianapolis News, replying to a correspondent gives the following explanation of the name's nickname. The Hoosier stated in the early days of the state the people were called Hoosiers. There is a wide difference of opinion as to why they were called Hoosiers. Meredith Nicholson, in his book, "The Hoosiers," says in the course of an extended discussion of the origin of the word: "Both Gov. Wright and O. H. Smith were of the opinion that 'Hoosier' was a corruption of 'Who's here' (yere or hyer)." It is also thought to be a corruption of hussar, and other explanations are advanced.

Batik.

Batik is the name applied to the wax dyed fabrics that have become popular in America in the last few years. Wax dyeing is a process of dyeing fabrics by hand after a pattern is formed by covering part of the cloth with wax so that it resists the action of the dye. For example, take for your pattern a yellow butterfly sitting on a green leaf. Use yellow cloth and with a paint brush dipped in hot beeswax draw the butterfly and cover it with the wax. Dip in green dye. The wax covering the butterfly will resist the action of the dye. After the fabric is dry draw the leaf and cover with hot wax. Dip the fabric in a dye that you wish for your background. Neither leaf nor butterfly will take the color. When dry wash in gasoline to remove wax and the process is complete.

Useful Bacteria.

Geologists are realizing more fully, as they extend their studies, the magnitude of the work done by plants and animals in building up and tearing down parts of the crust of the earth. Even microscopic organisms perform a large part of this work. Pasteur long ago showed not only the deadly power of bacteria in disease and their efficiency in promoting fermentation, but also their influence on the fertility of soils, and their work in extending rock decay is still a subject of scientific study. Bacteria evidently not only aid in the decomposition of rocks and in the formation of beds of chalk and limestone, as has already been demonstrated, says the Scientific American, but are active in the deposition of some beds of iron ore.

Study Snake Biology.

There are said to be more snakes in Brazil than in any other country of the western hemisphere. At Batutuan, near Sao Paulo, there is a great snake garden, where scientists are studying the mysteries of snake biology. The original reasons for the establishment of the garden, which is a huge nursery for snakes, was to obtain serum enough to provide a remedy for those bitten by snakes throughout Brazil. The garden is 600 acres in extent and divided into three departments, two of which are devoted to cobras, crotalids and bothrops, the most poisonous snakes known; while the third department is given over to the nonpoisonous snakes.

Municipal Courtesy.

Motoring from Yarmouth to Norwich, writes a correspondent, I

chanced upon a novel piece of municipal courtesy. Entering Thorpe, a suburb of Norwich, the usual vivid red-painted letters on a standard by the wayside requested motorists to drive carefully through the suburb. I obeyed the crimson injunction, and had my reward at the outer gate of the village, so to speak. There by the roadside stands a post with the words "Thank You" painted in the same scarlet. It suggested to me how eloquent and chivalrous our sign posts may become.—London Daily Mail.

Work in Terms of Calories.

Light tasks, says the Journal of the A. M. A., such as sewing, crocheting or embroidering, call for an average expenditure of about nine calories an hour more than that of the same person sitting quietly in a chair. Tasks regarded as "harder work" than sewing, such as washing, sweeping or scrubbing, require an increment of at least fifty calories an hour. Government experiments have shown how the mere change in the height of the table at which work is being done may cause an increase of from 20 to 40 per cent in the calories required. This illustrates, to quote the report, the importance of choosing equipment to "fit" the worker.

Moral Taught Chinese Children.

A warning to school children of China is given in the career of the unscrupulous Pang Kien, who cut off the ends of straws that his teacher told him to arrange evenly, while the careful and honest Sunz Pin separated a similar bundle and laid the straws straight, one by one, and found that they were all of uniform length without cutting. The character thus manifested by the two showed their teacher which of his pupils would best repay his efforts, and his judgment was justified by the event, for Pang Kien came to no good, while Sunz Pin won renown and wealth and great honor came through him to his preceptor.

How Your Sardines Were Scaled.

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EASY TO UNDERSTAND

The reason given by a Russian woman for desiring to return to the troubled land of her nativity has caused astonishment in New York, but would meet sympathetic understanding among the older residents of Richmond, Charleroi or Savannah. This woman of the Russian aristocratic class, born to wealth and station, suffered hard things under Bolshevist rule, including cold, hunger and indignities. After employing all her powers of ingenuity and overcoming many difficulties, she at last succeeded in escaping from Russia and reaching the United States. But she had not been here any great while before she said that she regretted that she came and declared her wish to return. The reason she gives for a state of mind so astonishing to her New York acquaintances, we read, "is that she finds it more trying to be poor here, where so many of the people of the kind with whom she naturally would associate are rich or in circumstances more than comfortable, than to be in even desperate want there, where everybody whom she knows and cares for is in a like condition."

Elderly persons who were born in the wealthy slave-holding class of the Southern States can understand this woman's feelings, if New Yorkers can not. For when they saw their world turned upside down and like the Russian aristocrats, fell suddenly upon evil days, those days were really less evil than they might have been in consequence of the fact that all their friends were in like case. In the South of the sixties and seventies observant persons were wont to remark that it was "genteel to be shabby," meaning that everybody "who was anybody" was poor. When poverty is the fashion, or claims all the best people, it is much less painful and much more easily borne than when it exists and struggles in the near neighborhood of wealth and display. What troubles this Russian lady is that in New York social standing is based on wealth, or can not be maintained without wealth; and if ordinary human rights were secure in Russia, she could not do better than return to the company of her aristocratic friends of the homeland, all dispossessed and poverty-stricken, for they would value her for what she is or was rather than for what she owns or wears.

THE PASSING OF NOME

There are "has-beens" among cities as well as among men. Some towns, like many men, have their day, their little hour of success or mere passing prominence, and then drop out of sight. Such a fate is particularly frequent in the case of mining towns, which, when the source of their existence is exhausted, are left desolate. Most of us had supposed that the Alaska settlement of Nome was a "live" and permanent city of our frontiers, but Nome also is passing, like many a mining town before it in this and other countries. According to report, the fall exodus leaves fewer than 200 people in the once famous beach-camp of Nome, where, in 1893—the year after the first Klondike rush—15,000 people "surged, swore, fought and caroused."

The quotation is from the Spokane-Review of Spokane, Wash., which relates: "with the sailing away of the steamship Victoria, hearing 350 Nome residents, most of whom announced their purpose never to return, the brooding spirit of melancholy came in with the long, long winter. Again the 'wolf's long howl' is heard on Unalak's lonely shore, and the little remnant of population is left with memories and disappointed hopes. Yet a few will cling to the deserted beach to the last breath of life, for such is the unfading record of every famous camp to live over again in memory through the long Arctic nights the stirring scenes of twenty years ago."

Should the next Congress add 48 new members to the present number, Pennsylvania will be given four additional, and in the reapportionment it is likely that Washington and Greene counties will compose one district. The two counties have the requisite population and a little over.

The Danora citizens will stage a community Christmas tree program this evening, in which community singing and special musical selections will be featured. The exercises will take place at the corner of Sixth street and McKean avenue, where the community Christmas tree is located.

After an unlucky fishing excursion had yielded hardly a bite President Cleveland was wont to say, with true sporting philosophy: "At any rate we had Great Expectations and a fine outing."

After being a bandit for so many years Pancho Villa can afford to become a farmer.

New Fossil Fish Discovered.
What is probably the most perfect fossil fish in the United States in respect to preservation, has been uncovered in the mountains near Kemmerer, Wyo. The fossils are those of fish bodies and represent more than a dozen distinct types, several of which it is said, have been hitherto unknown to the scientific world. The entire bodies, in several cases, are intact, and the bones and tissues, usually obliterated, are clearly definable.

Our "Fortunes."
What we call our fortunes, good or ill, are but the wise dealings and distributions of a wisdom higher, and a kindness greater than our own. I suppose that their meaning is we should learn, by all the uncertainties of our life, even the smallest, how to be brave and steady and temperate and hopeful, whatever comes, because we believe that behind it all there lies a purpose of good, and over it all there watches a providence of blessing.—Henry van Dyke.

Mesopotamia's Old Glories.
Nebuchadnezzar's vast irrigation system, which once watered all Babylonia, can still be easily traced for miles about Baghdad. One giant canal, the Narawan, runs parallel with the Tigris for nearly 300 miles; it is 350 feet wide, and all about it the takeoff and laterals may still be identified. Herodotus said he found a "forest of verdure from end to end" when he visited Mesopotamia.—National Geographic Society Bulletin.

Proud of Armorial Bearings.
The early Dutch settlers of New York, who founded important families, were frequently aristocratic Hollanders who brought their coats-of-arms with them, as an integral part of their household goods. Such families as the Van Rensselaers, De Puysters, Beekmans, Schuylers and Stuyvesants had their arms beautifully engraved on the elaborate silver services which were among their proudest possessions.

"Cloth" From Bark.
In the tropical islands of the Pacific there are several tribes which make use of the bark of a tree as a substitute for fabrics. It is called "rapa" and is obtained by heating the bark and then treating it to a pasty preparation. After the boiling process, the fiber shows a regular overlapping arrangement of the strands like woven material.

Hope Springs Eternal.
"Cheer up," gently yelled his host to the stricken Murphy, who was beginning to regret keenly ever having come on the fishing trip. "Seasickness never killed anybody yet." "Is that so?" replied Murphy. "I'm sorry to hear ye say that. Sure, the hope of dyin' soon was the only thing that was keepin' me alive."—American Legion Weekly.

Not Greatly Interested.
Margaret had not imagined the farm to be the most wonderful place to church. One morning she went to church, and she found it rather dull. Toward the end of the service she looked up and saw a man in a white perfectly and he all over the church the colored man "Bingo" is this the last re it."

Administrator's Notice
Estate of Thomas R. Nichols, deceased, late of Borough of Speers, Washington County, Penna.

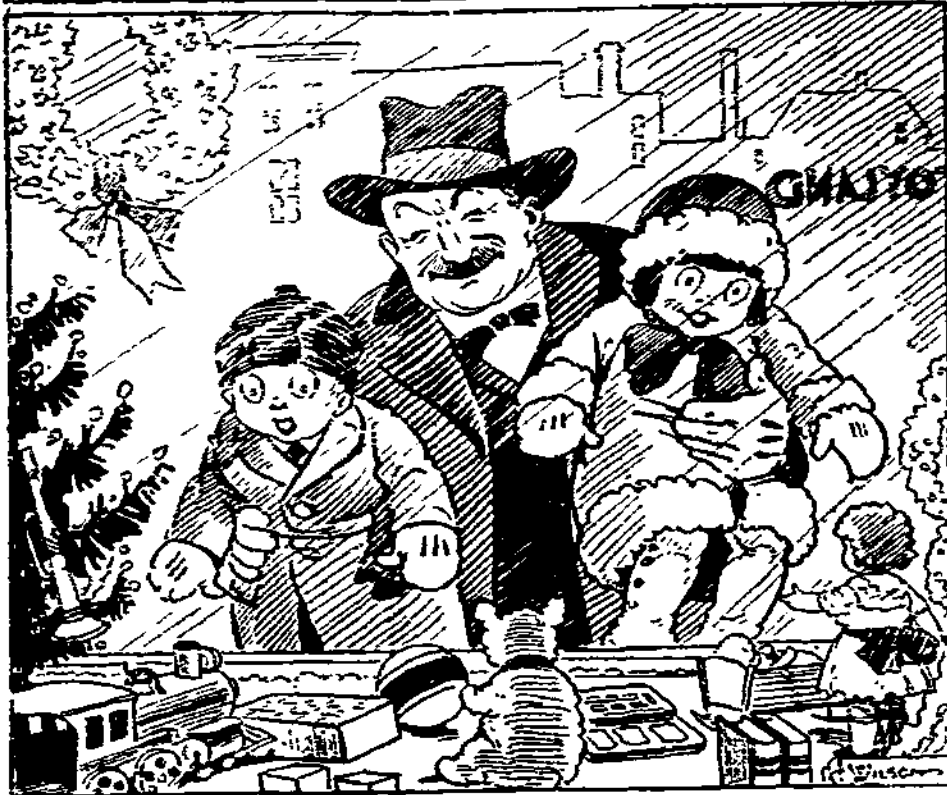
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At Greenland Ranch in Death Valley, California, the air thermometer, as recorded by a tested maximum thermometer exposed in a standard instrument shelter, rose to 125 degrees or higher on 23 days during June, and on every day during July, 1933. The extreme maximum was 125 degrees recorded on the last day of July. On July 10, 1933, the temperature there reached 134 degrees Fahrenheit, the highest officially recorded air temperature in the world.—From the Bulletin, American Meteorological Society.

United States' Bad Lands.
This is the translation of "Mauvaises Terres," the term used by the French Canadian trappers to describe these regions of unconsolidated rocks that have been extensively eroded. Bad lands occur on arid plateaus formed by horizontal strata of loosely cemented sands and gravels. The best examples of such regions are found in the upper portion of the Missouri drainage basin, in the vicinity of the Black Hills. Some are to be found also in Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas.

Drum With Harmonics.
Musicians find the drum an unsatisfactory instrument for lack of harmonic overtones. From India comes the description of a drum the parchment head of which is loaded with an adherent composition containing finely divided iron. Such composition lies in a central circle. Around the edge a second ring-shaped membrane is secured and the effect of the loading is to produce good harmonic overtones.

Millions Trying.
"Millions of people," we quote from the motion-picture advertising, "can write stories and photographs and don't know it." We have no wish to quarrel with the assertion. We merely suggest that those responsible for the motion pictures get hold of some of them, our contention being that those now writing for the motion-picture drama cannot do it.—Philadelphia Press-Ledger.

Bermuda Islands Very English.
Although a Spanish name distinguishes the group of islands, England speaks from most of the units composing the Bermudas; the Main Island, St. George, Paget, Smith, St. David, Cooper, Nonsuch, Watford, Ireland and Somerset being typical. The population shows steady growth. Its people wear with pride the distinction of being the oldest self-governing colony in the empire.

A coral island has a shape of its own, and pleasant-sounding names are used to describe it. The island itself is called an atoll (pronounced at-all with an equal stress on each syllable). An atoll is a ring-shaped island, with usually one or more breaks in the ring, called boat channels, and the water surrounded by the ring is called the lagoon.

Antique Cradle.
A cradle that rests from its labors though it is a fine cradle still, is one of the treasures carefully guarded in Plymouth, Mass. This was the cradle of Peregrine White, the first white child born in New England. Little Peregrine narrowly won this honor, for on the way over "Oceanus" Hopkins was born on the Mayflower.

Basties' Blood for Warts.
Dr. E. Eschard describes in Analgesic a treatment of Melechia (Lilia, Pamp) certain painful lesions the blood which has from time immemorial been used by the natives for curing warts. Under it these growths turn blue, as if carbonized by an acid.

The Earliest Machine.
The earliest machine, which, as stated in Egyptian records, was used in Egypt centuries before the Christian era, was a contrivance to drill out stone vessels. It consisted of a vertical shaft with a chuck at the top, forced at the base to rotate, a cutting edge sharp stone.

Taking Nothing Along.
The woman who has the idea of traveling light, as we have learned from actual observation, is to avoid anything else into a summer dress, then carry all her necessities in boxes.—Grand Light Press.



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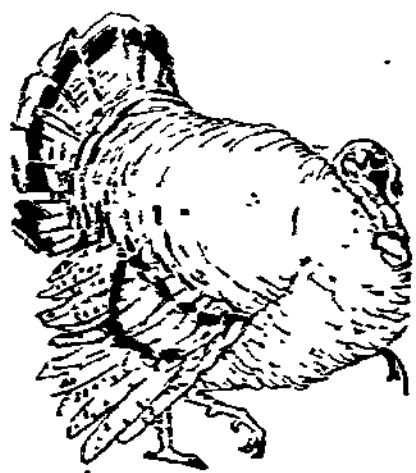


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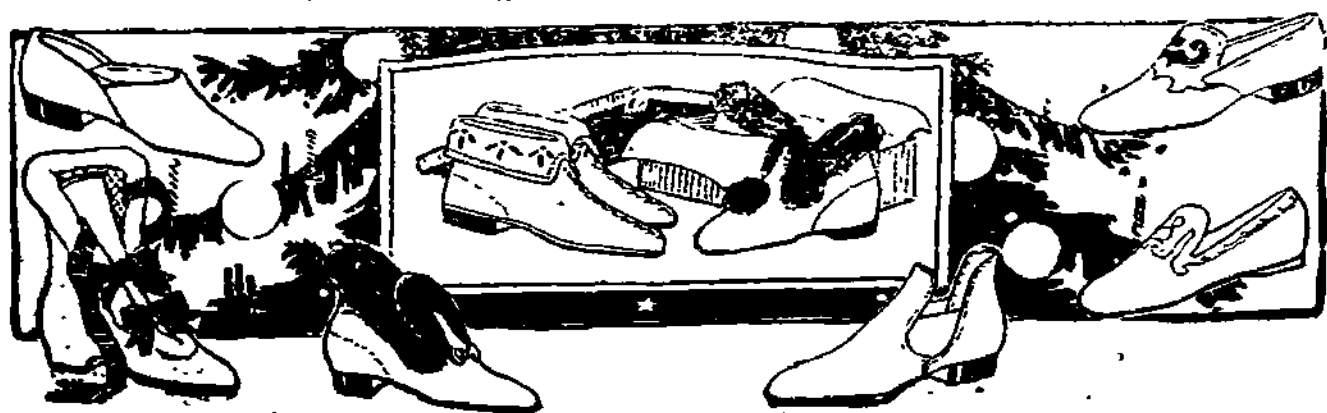
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Human Thermometer.

At the far top of the kiln (at the famous pottery works of King Techei, China), and in the chimney are holes a foot square, into which a man, who acts as a human thermometer, looks to determine the heat. His method is simple. He spits into the hole, and if the spit turns to steam, the temperature is too high. When the spit is so great that the saliva is shot back at him with a little explosion, everything is all right.—John Knicker-Slayer in Asia.

In South America.

A visitor to South America, speaking of his observations there said: "The home life of the people is so full of music that even the 'newest' sing their wares, and peanuts, and sweets, fresh fruit and cool water are advertised in recitative. Such itinerant artisans as scissors grinders announce their advent by means of a piccolo. The tired workmen still solace their evening hours with the guitar and the photograph is to be found in the homes of all but the poorest classes."

Pet Had Various Names.

A neighbor seeing the seven-year-old daughter of a geologist playing with a bedraggled but cherished kitten, asked what her pet was called. "Well," replied the precocious youngster, "that depends. Father calls her a segregation from an intrusive magma of doubtful genesis; mother refers to her as the basement complex; sister Helen insists that she is a typical example of secondary impoverishment; but I just call her my dear little kitty."

Manganese.

Manganese is found in Japan in three forms: Metallic, which is over 50 per cent pure manganese, being used principally in the making of certain kinds of iron and steel and as an amalgam; dioxide, or "black manganese," having as high as 90 per cent manganese and largely used in the making of chemicals, drugs, paints and electric batteries; and carbonate ore, which until recently has been a waste product in Japan.

Mother.

When Eve was brought unto Adam, he became filled with the Holy Spirit, and gave her the most sanctified, the most glorious of appellations. He called her Eve—that is to say, the Mother of All. He did not style her wife, but simply mother—mother of all living creatures. In this consists the glory and the most precious ornament of woman.—Martin Luther.

Food Supervision.

The importance of food supervision as a measure of preventive public health is obvious. The average citizen does not realize how deeply he is indebted to the public health authorities on this point alone. Were it not for this supervision promaline poisoning would exact a fearful toll from our citizenship in the form of suffering and death.

"Salt River."

"Salt river," as commonly used, refers to an imaginary river up which defeated politicians and political parties are supposed to be sent to oblivion. The phrase "to row up Salt river" had its origin in a small stream of that name in Kentucky, the passage of which is made difficult and laborious by its tortuous course and abundance of shallows and bars.

Pork Pies Prohibited by Treaty.

By a clause in a special treaty concluded soon after the first Punjab war the maharajah of Kashmir has the right—which he exercises—of prohibiting the importation into his territories of pork pies.

Some Use for It.

In traveling through the swamps of Liberia the natives rub their bare feet with garlic and the smell is such as to send scurrying into the glades the most venomous reptiles.—Ohio State Journal.

There are 70 different kinds of English butterflies, some very common and some very rare. Some butterflies, like the "painted lady," fly over the channel from France to England every year.

Needed.

To stop street cars at railroad crossings or drawbridges, should a motorman ignore a signal, an inventor has designed a spring bumper to be raised level with their front sills.

Where Publicity Really Hurts.

It is not our wrong actions which it requires courage to confess, so much as those which are ridiculous and foolish.—Rousseau.

A Texas Home Rule.

Our position simply is that a married man should finish washing the dishes before he takes his smoke.—Dallas News.

Delight in God's Work.

All noble art is the expression of man's delight in God's work; not in his own.—Ruskin.

Sometimes!

Sometimes "absence makes the heart grow fonder"—of absence.—Cartoons Magazine.

Reading.

The reading which has pleased, will please when repeated ten times.—Horace.

Very Great Mercy.

Good books are a very great mercy to the world.—Ruskin.

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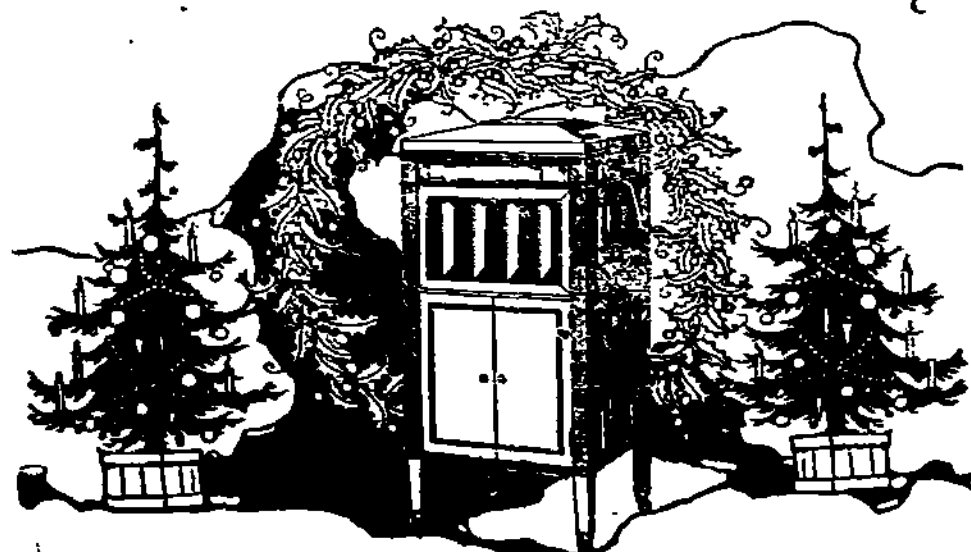
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Preacher's Privilege.
Bert was about sixty, and Jed possibly ten years his junior. Bert hadn't "joined the church," but Jed's deep voice thrilled with emotion, and stamped him as one of the elect, as he entreated Bert to "give himself to God." Bert listened while Jed cited various instances of narrow escapes from horrible death of those whose "joinin'" was the next act after the click of the Grim Reaper's scythe was out of their ears. Jed grew more and more personal, and finally he prodded Bert's chest with a sinewy forefinger and then fairly shouted, "Look at yer! Nearly sixty; on the edge of the grave, so to speak, and not joined yet! Ain't yer afeared to take such a chance on the hereafter?" Bert shifted his toothpick meditatively. "Gee, Jed, you ought to 'a' been a minister; you've got that holy boldness that lets you talk right out about anybody's business."—New York Evening Sun.

First American Novelist.
The man who is usually referred to as the first American novelist and whose claim to the title seems to be undisputed, was Charles Brockden Brown, who was born in Philadelphia in 1771, and died in 1810. His best novel, "Wieland," is a morbid horror story, based on ventriloquism, and while improbable it contains scenes of great power. He published several other novels, and in 1799 a book on divorce and marriage which enunciated many views then considered very radical but now widely accepted. No other novels than his were published by a native American until the appearance of "The Spy," by James Fenimore Cooper, in 1831.

Simple Pottery Methods.
All primitive pottery, whether of ancient or modern times, has been made by the simplest methods. There are four processes, namely, molding, firing, glazing and coloring, although in the early stages of its development scarcely anything was known of glazing and coloring. The Egyptians adopted means similar to those of today to produce their wares. The clay dug from the earth's surface was prepared by beating and kneading with the hands or boards and the mass well tempered with water. From this mass vessels were shaped by cutting out a ball and by building piece by piece and smoothing down one layer upon another.

Fresh Vegetables Best.
That raw food contains more of the protective elements than cooked food was shown by an experiment with pigeons fed a grain diet which had been heated to destroy the protective elements. They developed beriberi in from 40 to 80 days. Other pigeons receiving raw potato in addition to heated grain were in excellent condition during the 500 days of the experiment. The protective value of fresh raw potato was contrasted with that of dried potato in another experiment, and the results indicated that, while dried vegetables are not without value as a protection against beriberi, yet fresh vegetables are very much better.

Not So Noteworthy.
Some men take a great deal of credit to themselves for having worked for all they have. It is creditable, to be sure, but it isn't so unusual that it need attract general attention. It is the common way, and probably the best. Occasionally, a man discovers a gold mine, or realizes on the death of a rich aunt, but they are not usually as useful citizens nor as happy as those whose wealth depends on something more than luck or the chance of birth. And working for what you have is also the only available means open to the average man.—Arkansas Thomas Cat.

References to "lakes" or "streams" of oil are frequently made by persons unfamiliar with petroleum geology, or by those who wish to mislead them. The fact is that a so-called "pool" of oil consists really of a mass of sand saturated with it, or an area of crystalline limestone or porous rock containing oil in its pores. No subterranean hollow filled with oil, such as the novice pictures ever has been found, and the locations of existing dry wells clearly prove the absence of any channels connecting the pools.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Wrens Like Human Society.
The house wren is one of the most sociable and confiding of birds and on this account they will build their nests in little houses that are built for them no matter how close to a human habitation, says the American Forestry Association, Washington. Furthermore, the wren is one of the most valuable of birds for it feeds entirely on insects and thus helps to save the trees and vegetables in the garden from the pests which would eat them. The wren builds its nest of grass or weeds stuffed into any crevice that takes its fancy.

How Weather Affects Brain.
Most persons have wondered at times why it is that their moods depend so much on the weather. A crisp, frosty day makes one feel cheerful and energetic. A damp, dull one tends to cause depression and listlessness. Dull, rainy weather means a low barometer. When the barometer is low the reduced pressure of the atmosphere lets the blood vessels near the surface of the skin dilate or swell, and so take up more than their share of blood. This makes the brain anemic and the flow of ideas runs slowly.



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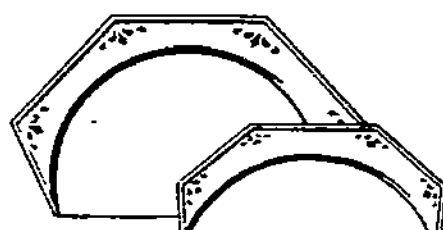
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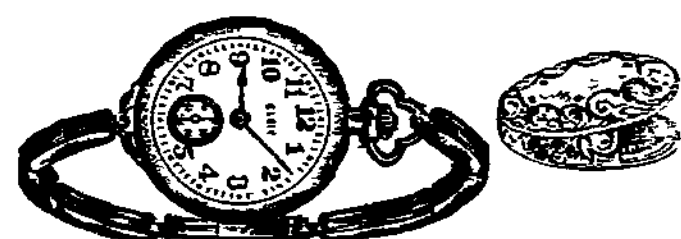


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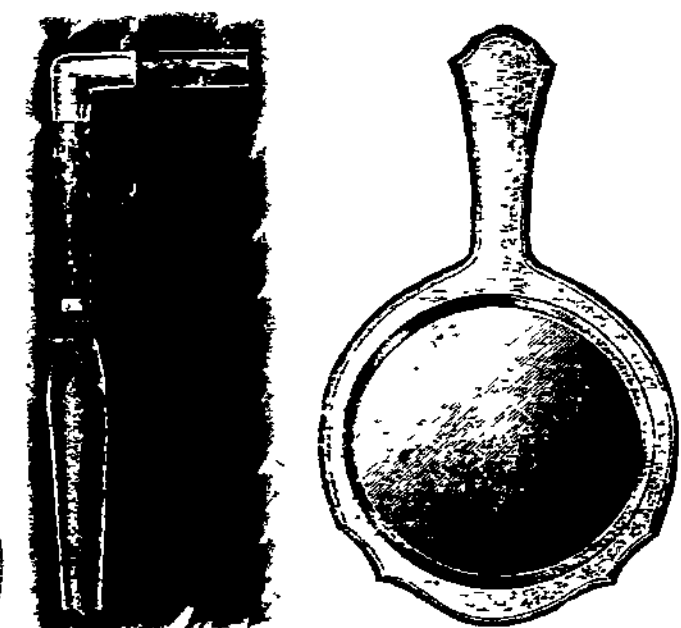


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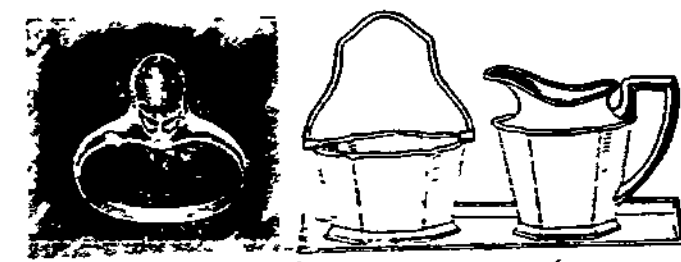


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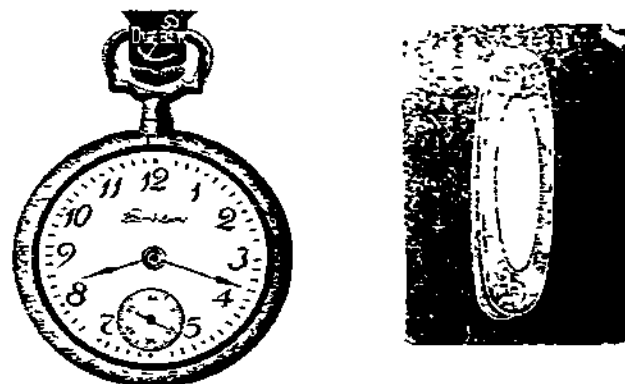


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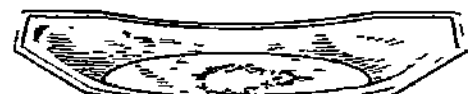


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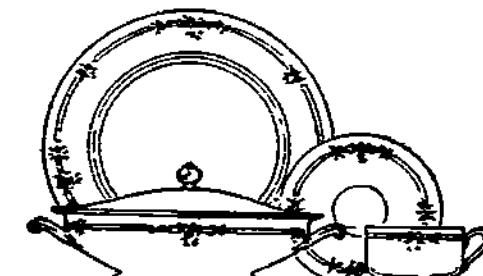
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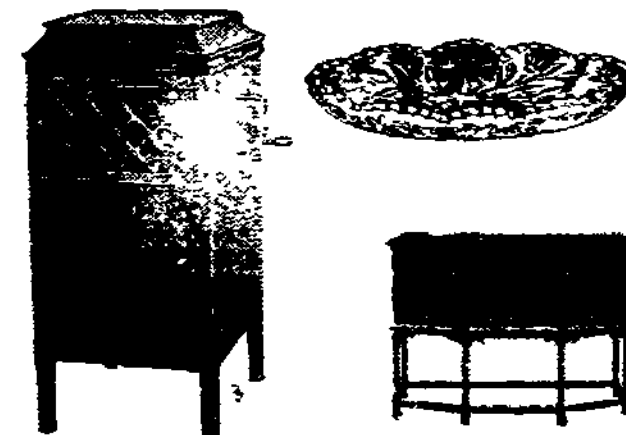
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Silk shirts have gone out of fashion, and just because the money-fingering proletariat paid lavishly for them and wore them to work.

Mrs. Asquith's memoirs can be explained on the ground that the ob-servant wife of the former Premier thought the British aristocracy has not yet had trouble enough.

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The following are some of the fine toy bargains to be had at this store;

Steam engines reduced 25 per cent

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NAPOLEON'S ONE BIG QUALITY

Great Frenchman's Fascination Lay in His Directness, That's All, Says H. G. Wells.

The world has largely recovered from the mischief that Napoleon did; perhaps that amount of mischief had to be done by some agency; perhaps his career, or some such career, was a necessary consequence of the world's mental unpreparedness for the crisis of the revolution. But that his peculiar personality should dominate the imaginations of great numbers of people, throws a light upon factors of enduring significance in our human problem.

Marat was a far more noble, persistent, subtle and pathetic figure; Talleyrand a greater statesman and a much more amusing personality; Moreau and Hoch older leaders of armies; his rival, Czar Alexander, as egotistical, more successful, more emotional, and with a finer imagination. Are men dazzled simply by the scale of his blunders, by the mere vastness of his notoriety?

No doubt scale has something to do with the matter; he was a "record," the record plunger; but there is something more in it than that. There is an appeal in Napoleon to something deeper and more fundamental in human nature than mere astonishment at his deeds. His very deficiencies bring out sharply certain qualities that lurk suppressed and hidden in us all. He was unhampered. He had never a gleam of diffidence, or affection, or the sense of duty.

Directness was his distinctive and humanizing quality. He had no doubts to waste in secondary considerations. He flung his armies across Europe straight at their mark, there never were such matches before; he fought to win; when he struck, he struck with all his might. And what he wanted, he wanted simply and completely and got—if he could.

There lies his fascination.—From "The Outline of History," by H. G. Wells.

HOTEL MEN NOT ALL BAD

Wayne B. Wheeler Tells Good Story to Prove the Truth of Assertion He Makes.

Wayne B. Wheeler of the Anti-Saloon league said in San Francisco: "I think we're unjust to hotel men as a rule. We are too ready to accuse them of robbery. As a matter of fact, they are a very fine lot."

"I once knew an engineer who was traveling in Nevada. He had a good deal of money with him, and one night he put up at a very primitive hotel in the wilds. The landlord of this hotel looked like a brigand, and the engineer could hardly sleep for fear."

"Nothing, however, happened, and the next morning he set off with a relieved heart. The mountain trail was a lonely one, and on toward noon, in a wild and desolate spot, three desperadoes fell on him, emptied his valise and pockets, and made off."

"The engineer was convinced that the landlord was at the bottom of this holdup. Accordingly he turned back to notify the authorities. But he had only gone a mile or so when he met a mounted messenger, who handed him a small packet. Pinned to the packet was a note from the villainous landlord that said:

"I inclose your pocketbook containing \$500, which you left under your pillow last night. Please send receipt by bearer."

It takes a doctor to give a man a sounding name to a well-known phenomenon. "Euphoria" means "feeling fit." It is as much a physiological fact as scarlet fever.

Nature makes it worth while to be alive simply through euphoria. The joy of making a good tennis stroke, the delight that a woodsman gets in the open air, the artist's rhapsody—all are due to euphoria. Why do we drink alcohol—when we can get it—or smoke tobacco? To effect euphoria. When a lunatic thinks that he is Napoleon and demands the homage due an emperor, he has euphoria in its worst form.

Too little is known about euphoria. Since it can be effected by drugs and chemicals, who knows but it may have its seat in some gland?—Popular Science Monthly.

Aerial Photography in Sales.

Aerial photography has entered the real estate field. Now, if you wish to buy a suburban residence, a downtown property or a country house, you can go to a broker's office and examine, probably with a reading glass, a most interesting and detailed aerial photograph of the neighborhood that you have in mind. The aerial picture very quickly brings the customer to a decision, either, to see the property or to look elsewhere. It saves time and the expense of long and often futile trips.—Youth's Companion.

Plan to Keep the Raisin Busy.

There is an unprecedented demand for raisins at the present time because of their use in the manufacture of home brews, but it is anticipated that this will be changed in the course of a few years because the interest in the preparations will decline and in view of that the Agricultural department is at work in discovering new uses for raisins so that the industry will not be wrecked. When the raisin-growers' product shows signs of a drop the government will step in with some valuable suggestions for its continuance.

ALL WELCOME IN LUXEMBURG

Little State Cosmopolitan in the Extreme, but Second to None in Patriotic Spirit.

We live at the crossroads of the nations, remarks the Luxemburg Zeitung. We are of all the peoples of the world those most cosmopolitan in spirit. On July 14 there was a French evening on the parade grounds, and everyone was enthusiastic for France. On July 20 we had a Belgian evening in the same place and again everyone was inspired with enthusiasm. Should there be an American, Italian, Czechoslovak or Polish evening any pleasant summer night, the throng would greet it with the same enthusiasm. We like to have people of other nations as our guests. We wish them to feel at home in our midst.

A stranger who does not know us—and many who have lived among us fail to know us—might fancy that we lack national sentiment.

But precisely the reverse is true. Our national sentiment is so deep that we are like a tree whose trunk stands unshaken when its crown is rustled by the wind of sympathy for other countries.

Last Wednesday, after our French and Belgian evenings, we had a Luxemburg evening. The parade ground was too small and the firmament was too low to contain the enthusiasm of the multitude. We were at home among ourselves. The leader had provided a program of old, modern, and very recent Luxemburg music. During the choruses the thousands surrounding the platform stood as reverently as if they were in church. When applause was called for it was so thunderous as to be almost intimidating.

The depth and sincerity of a nation's patriotism is not measured by the area of its territory.

FEAR EPIDEMIC OF TYPHUS

British Authority Tells of Danger to the World Because of Bad Conditions in Russia.

Dr. L. Haden Guest of London, who has been investigating conditions in Russia, reports to the Lancet (London) that the whole of that country has been swept by typhus and relapsing fever, and that all indications point unmistakably to a formidable epidemic in the coming winter. Cholera also has made its appearance and small-pox is widely prevalent.

The Lancet warns the world at large that unless immediate and effective steps be taken these frightful diseases will spread through the border states to other countries, and before long will appear all over the world. "The council of the League of Nations," has thoroughly studied the situation, with the aid of some of the best-known epidemiologists in the world; they have a reasonable and economical program, and have appointed commissioners, but the actual work cannot proceed until they have obtained money guarantees from the different nations, which so far have not materialized, except in the case of a few countries, including Great Britain and Canada. The future of the matter may well prove, in the parlance of the day, an "acid test" of the reality of the league as a family of nations, ready to act for the common good and to protect members of the family who are threatened by disaster."

Modern Lover Practical.

"Harry," exclaimed the blushing maiden, "this declaration of love is so sudden that I hardly know what to say. I was unprepared for it. It unnerves me."

"I was afraid it might," said the young chemist, rising with alacrity from his knees, "and I brought with me a bottle of my unrivaled nerve tonic. This preparation, my darling," he added, soothingly, as he took the bottle from his pocket, quickly extracted the cork and poured a quantity of the medicine into a spoon he had also brought with him. "Will allay any undue excitement, quiet the nerves, aid digestion and restore lost appetite. I sell it at 50 cents a bottle. This is a dose for an adult. Take it, dearest."

A company has been organized at The Hague for the purpose of sending a "floating fair" as it is called, but practically a ship loaded with sample products and commercial agents to sell them, to various parts of the world, particularly the United States. The concern is organized somewhat on a co-operative basis and proposes to send the Messageries Maritimes vessel, the Macedonia, of 6,100 tons burden, to the United States and Central and South America for the purpose of introducing Netherlands products and enabling Netherlands commercial houses to establish import and export connections in the countries visited.—Scientific American.

Ice to Hold Stored Water.

Because the water supply of the small city of Ashland, Ore., is becoming inadequate in the summer, and increasing the storage facilities would cost \$100,000, the local engineers are trying an experiment as ingenious as it is simple. High up the side of Mount Ashland, at the headwaters of the supply, a system of piping and sprays is being installed, through which the surplus water of the winter will be directed and allowed to freeze. The damming action of the ice walls thus formed, and the gradual thawing of the ice itself, are expected to provide enough water for all the needs of summer.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.



WE HOPE THAT SANTA CLAUS WILL BE GOOD TO YOU ALL; THAT YOU WILL FIND YOUR STOCKINGS BULGING WITH PLEASANT SURPRISES.

But are you sure there is no one you have forgotten? Are you sure that all the presents you want to give have been selected. If not, here are a few helpful

Last Minute Gift Suggestions at January Bargain Prices

An OVERCOAT for Dad, they were \$45, now\$37.50
Or a SUIT for Brother, they were \$42.50 now\$32.50
SWEATERS that were \$2.50, now\$2.98
BOYS' SUITS that were \$9.00, now\$4.95
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Or a DRESS for wife, former price \$25.00 now\$14.95
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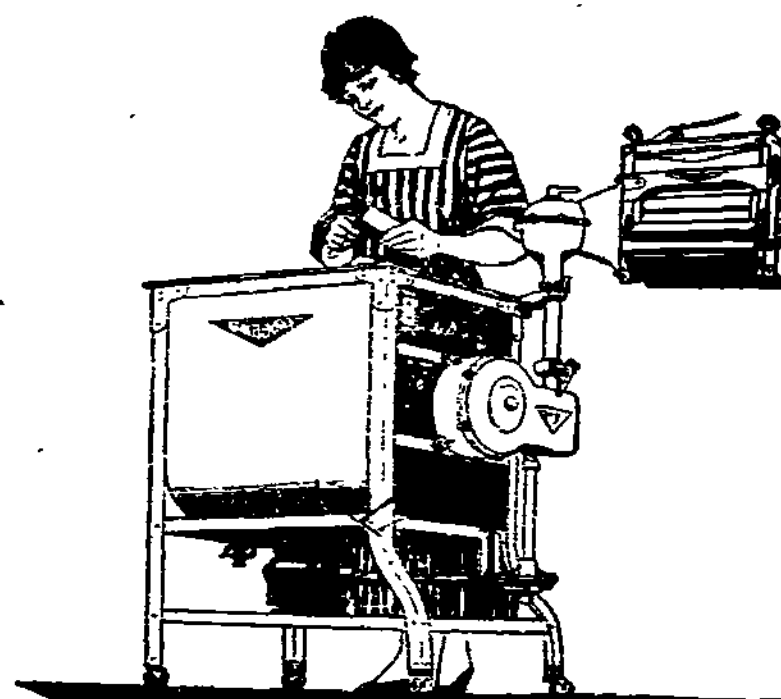
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Most To See, Least to Pay It's a fine time for Holiday Shopping here. New stocks and new prices to speed up Xmas shopping. You will find the good news of substantial savings in store-wide offerings that will lend joy to the happy Christmas season. **SHOP NOW!**

This will be a Glorious Season for the woman who receives new

FURS

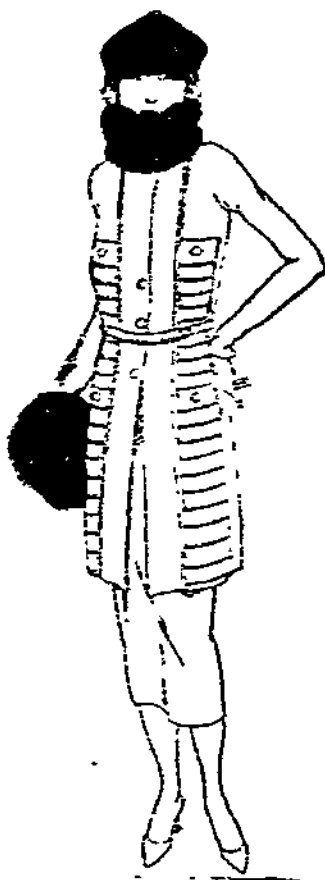
PRICES HAVE BEEN REDUCED

Perhaps you have been putting off the long-deferred purchase of Furs for several years because prices were too high. Then this is the time to make the waiting worth while—to give some one the joy of possessing the Beautiful Furs that she has been wanting and

TO BUY THEM FOR A MUCH LOWER PRICE THAN HERETOFORE. IT WILL BE A GIFT FOR MANY CHRISTMASSES—A POSSESSION THAT WILL GIVE PRIDE FOR MANY YEARS

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Are Numbered Among the Worth-While Gifts



Especially to members of the family you want to give something that is serviceable and not alone pleasing to the eye. What then could be more representative of the affection you feel for mother or daughter than a gift of a modish suit?

Presented are winter's choicest fabrics and styles, and in the newer colorings.

To Help You in Your Choice

Here Are Lots of New Winter Suits That Have Been Sharply Reduced

\$29.50 Suits Reduced to...\$22.75
\$39.50 Suits Reduced to...\$27.50
\$49.50 Suits Reduced to...\$34.50
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UMBRELLAS

RARELY IF EVER—

Do people return umbrellas when they borrow them, that's why one can never be found when it's wanted. Don't let your friends find themselves in this sorry plight. There are gift umbrellas here.

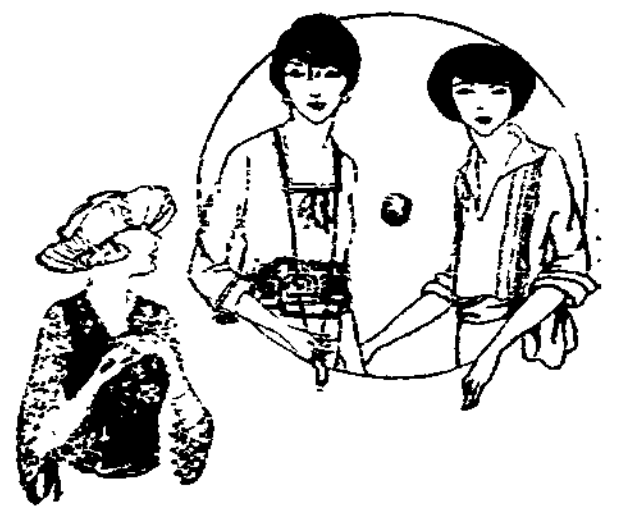
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MEN'S HALF HOSE FOR GIFT GIVING

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Men would be delighted with a few pairs or even a dozen pairs of these excellent Half Hose of Lisle and Plaited Silk, black white and colors.

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BLOUSE NEWS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO WOMEN WITH AN EYE TO ECONOMY

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Shades include navy, henna, brown, flesh, also white. There is indeed wonderful choosing.

Between \$4.95 and \$15.00

Shop in the Morning

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CHARLEROI'S GREATEST CHRISTMAS STORE

Shop Early in the Day

TEN DOCTORS FAILED TO HELP IRONTON MAN

Steel Worker Took "All Sorts of Remedies Without Results." ONE BOTTLE OF R-11 MADE HIM FEEL ENTIRELY WELL

James M. Long, of 425 North Second St., Ironton, Ohio, an employee of the Union Iron and Steel Company, has the following to say of The Reese Formula R-11:

"I have been doctoring for over six years for stomach trouble. Six doctors in Ironton and four in Portsmouth did not help me a bit. I have taken all sorts of remedies without results until I began taking the Reese Formula R-11. I have taken only one bottle but my stomach does not trouble me at all and I feel stronger in every respect. I am going to take another bottle although I feel I am entirely well now. I most heartily recommend this remedy as it has, by relieving me of something I did not think possible."

Thousands of similar testimonials are constantly pouring into The Reese Formula Company's office from persons suffering from the after-effects of influenza and pneumonia, indigestion, nervousness, sleeplessness, lumbago, backache, female weakness, urinary, bladder, stomach, liver and kidney troubles. This remedy can be obtained at all leading drug stores, including Hennings' Drug Store.

WATER PLUG WAS WRECKED BY TRUCK

The water plug at the corner of Washington and Sixth street was wrecked by a coal truck Monday afternoon, and it required several hours' work on the part of employees of the water company to repair damages. No sooner had the local water plug been repaired than word was received from Donora that a similar accident had happened there, and the force was required to work long into the night to make repairs at that point.

To call a man a liar used to be considered equivalent to "the first lick," but a recent court decision asserts that "it is not slanderous to call a man a 'crook'—possibly on the ground that in these times there are so many crooks in high places."

POTATOES 32c
Fancy White, Peck.
Mahieu's Store

MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS MUST BE 18 YEARS OLD

Notice that no person under 18 years of age is permitted to operate a motion picture machine in Pennsylvania and that emergency rulings have been rescinded has been issued by John H. Walker, chief of the bureau of inspection, State Department of Labor and Industry. Mr. Walker says some misunderstandings have apparently arisen in various sections of the state, and that not only must every operator be licensed, but all to be over 18 years of age.

BIG COAL STORAGE BIN IS NOW IN USE

The Clairton By-Product plant of the Carnegie Steel Company began to stock coal in its new coal yards at Wilson on Thursday. The new storage bins, which are made of concrete, have a capacity of 300,000 tons, or the equal of 300 barge loads of coal. This coal will be held in the storage bins to provide against any shortage or particularly strong demand for fuel on the part of the by-products company.

ASKED NOT TO GIVE GOLD COIN FOR CHRISTMAS

National and other banks have been requested by John Burke, treasurer of the United States, not to distribute gold coins for holiday purposes. The request is in line with the policy of the Treasury to conserve the gold reserve. It was stated, but when gold is demanded upon gold obligations the demands will be met. Old gold will be paid, however, and no \$2.50 gold pieces will be issued, as the coining of these pieces have been stopped.

WINTER OFFICIALLY ARRIVED ON TUESDAY

Tuesday was the shortest day of the year and marked the close of fall and the opening of winter. The sun rose at 7:42 a. m. and set at 4:55 p. m., giving only nine hours and 13 minutes of daylight. Winter began officially at 10:17 o'clock last night, and today marks the lengthening of the days, and according to the old adage, presages colder weather.

NEW LOCKMASTER IS NAMED FOR NO. THREE

John D. Sedwick, of South Brownsville, who for the past 11 years has been assistant lockmaster at Lock No. 3, located at Elizabethtown, succeeded the late Samuel Sherman, who held the post for more than twenty years.

SEE THE CLASSIFIED COLUMN

The Elderly Woman.
The world's first historian was an old woman—and still, in every primitive community, she is the living storehouse of communal memories. The world's first sage was an old woman, coining the hoarded wisdom of generations into proverbs and maxims. In all probability the world's first doctor was an old woman, though here she was displaced rather early. After ages of neglect she is coming once more to be appreciated at something like her value.—Chicago Journal.

Thick Coal Bed.
The brown coal beds of Victoria are said to be the thickest in the world. At Morwell 780 feet of coal has been passed through in a bore of 1,010 feet. The four principal areas of occurrence cover approximately 1,200 square miles of an average thickness of 50 feet. The depth of the coal seams below the surface varies from 60 to 500 feet, the average being near to the first figure.—Exchange.

Couldn't Be Supposed to Know.
I helped my little niece on her tricycle over a crossing by taking hold of the front part of the tricycle and lifting it onto the sidewalk, writes a correspondent. She explained that that was not the right way to do it; I should have pulled her up by the handle, and then, with a sweet desire to find an excuse for my ignorance, she quickly added: "But, of course, you wouldn't know how, because you are not the mother of a child."

Cleans Aluminum.
This is a surprising tip on cleaning aluminum, but it works. Try it. One may scour and scrub with no result. Put the dish on the stove, empty, and light the gas, but do not turn it up high. In a little while all the marks will vanish from the inside. Turn it upside down and put it back. In a little while the dish will be like new, you will find.

Idleness.
I am not the only one that condemns the idle; for once when I was going to give our minister a pretty long list of the sins of one of our people that he was asking after, I began with: "He's dreadfully lazy." "That's enough," said the old gentleman, "all sorts of sins are in that one."—C. H. Spurgeon.

Paradox of Rail Wear.
In a single track line railroad the wear on the rails is seldom greater, and is frequently less, than in a double-track line, says the Scientific American, an apparent paradox which is probably explained by the reversal of direction of traffic, which tends to neutralize coldrolling actions in the surface of the rail-head.

Continental Calligraphy.
The English are said to produce the best handwriting of all nations; the Americans come next; the French write badly, especially the ladies; the Italians very poorly; the Spaniards scarcely legibly. The two last named nations continue to use many contracted letters.

NEW TIE PLANT FOR BROWNSVILLE

What promises to become a notable addition to Brownsville's industries is likely to spring from the manufacture of a newly patented railroad tie, of which Anton Kuslan is the inventor. Associated with Mr. Kuslan in the introduction and manufacture of this tie are Benjamin Schwartz, D. K. Orr and M. G. Krause.

The Kuslan tie is constructed of steel and concrete. The steel affords just sufficient resiliency to take up the impact of the rolling stock without the jar imparted to the roadbed under the present system of using wooden ties. This invention has attracted great attention of railroad officials, both in the United States and abroad. The company has leased the John Gregg foundry in West Brownsville, which it will adapt for the manufacture of the tie.

WORTHLESS CHECK PASSER ON WAY TO CHARLEROI

Chief of Police Albright received a telephone message from the police department at Washington, Pa., shortly before noon, to warn banks and business men to be on guard against an negro, very dark in color, height about five feet, seven inches, aged about 27 years, weight 160 pounds, scar above one eye and who stutters when excited. He wore a woolly brown overcoat. He cashed a number of worthless checks in Washington, and the police traced him to the street cars on the way to Charleroi. If the man reaches Charleroi he may attempt the same tactics here, and business men are warned to be on their guard against him.

CIDER CAN BE USED IN HOME OF MAKER

According to an opinion submitted by Attorney General Palmer, to the Secretary of the Treasury, use of cider in the home by a manufacturer, even after it has become intoxicating by fermentation, is lawful, and within the bounds of the prohibition enforcement act. The opinion is in direct conflict with the regulations of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, which states that home-made cider must be "non-intoxicating in fact," although not necessarily containing less than one half of one per cent of alcohol.

HUMORESQUE COMING TO COYLE THEATRE

Hailed by critics everywhere as one of the really big pictures of the year, the Cosmopolitan Production, "Humoresque," will be shown at the Coyle theatre for three days, beginning Monday next. The story is by Fannie Hurst.

Election

The regular annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Bank of Charleroi, for the election of nine Directors, to serve for the ensuing year, or until their successors are elected and qualified, and for the transaction of any other business that may come before them, will be held on Thursday, January 6, 1921, between the hours of 2:00 and 3:00 o'clock P. M. at its Banking House, Charleroi, Pa.

Kerfoot W. Daly, Cashier.
Dec. 22-29

Christmas Offer
Columbia Graphophone \$10 down and \$8 per month. Schroeder Piano Co., Fifth street, Charleroi. 142tf

Read the Classified Ads.

Notice
Having sold my plumbing, heating and electrical business to the Valley Plumbing and Electric Company, this is to notify all persons owing me to make settlement at once, and those having claims to present them without delay. I also wish to thank all my former customers for their patronage in the past and request they continue as patrons of The Valley Plumbing and Electric Co.
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George Niver, of the Oil Well Supply Company, now located in the Tampico oil district in Mexico, is visiting with Van Roberts. Mr. Niver is located about one hundred miles south of Tampico in a field which produces large quantities of oil.

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THE DEPENDABLE DRUG STORE

Clothes and Cleanliness.
It is true that clothes were more picturesque in past ages and that men as well as women gloried in gorgeous apparel. The nobleman was as fond as his "lady love" of rich fabrics and ruffles, and the clasp that held his floating plume to his velvet hat flashed with real gems. But here is where civilization takes a hand. Compare the cleanliness of the men of the past with those of the present. In the sixteenth century French gentlemen changed their linen once in two weeks, and even at that were deemed recklessly extravagant by the English for so doing.

Invention of Electric Light.
The credit for the basic discovery of the electric light is probably due to Sir Humphry Davy, who in 1810 observed the electric arc and produced incandescence of a fine platinum wire in connection with his experiments with a 21,000-cell battery. In 1852 an arc lamp was installed in the lighthouse at Dungeness, in 1870 the Edison incandescent lamp was exhibited, and in 1882 the Pearl Street Edison station in New York was put in service.

Clung to Coats of Arms.
George Washington used, on his seal and bookplate, the English arms that had been in his family for generations. Even the Quakers among the early settlers, although they advocated simple, austere living, and abandoned plumes for their hats and lace for coat sleeves, would have considered it a renunciation of an inherited right, like relinquishing their family names, to give up the coats of arms granted to their ancestors.

Preamble of the Constitution.
Here is the preamble to the Constitution of the United States: "We, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

Distinctly Up to Date.
"I'm negotiating for the services of a hired man," said Mr. Cobble. "How are you getting along?" "First rate. He seems to like my motorcar pretty well, and the table board and the jazz records we bought for our phonograph. All we've got to do now is to decide on the wages and the number of hours a day he thinks he can work without injuring his health."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Why Buffaloes Wallow.
The water buffalo of China has few sweat glands in its skin, and for this reason cannot endure hard work in the sun for a long period unless its body is wet with water. This accounts for the desire of the buffalo to wallow in mud or water. The animals are easily overcome by heat if worked hard in the sun, and sometimes they go crazy and become very dangerous.

Within the Law.
"Look at that fellow in there with a loaded revolver," said our waggish friend at the beach yesterday—and when, somewhat startled we gazed in through the doorway what we saw was merely a big merry-go-round full of young folks and in the center the proprietor thereof.—Boston Transcript.

Wealth and Happiness.
"A man who says wealth doesn't bring happiness," said Jud Tunkins. "never saw a small boy who found a quarter in the street just as he was passing a candy store."—Washington Evening Star.

Unique Portrait.
A portrait of Charles I in an art gallery at Oxford, England, is composed entirely of small letters. The head and roof contain the Lord's prayer, the apostles' creed and the book of psalms.

Flower is Image of Bird.
Primula gives a wild flower which is the exact floral image of a hummingbird. The flower is green, the throat yellow, the head and back of most black.

"Prince of Wales."
The title was first conferred on Prince Edward, afterward King Edward II of England, in 1301. He was born at Carnarvon, Wales, and the story goes that the king presented the new-born child to the Welsh as their native prince who could speak no word of English. The idea of using the title for the heir apparent to the British throne was introduced by Edward III, who in 1343 invested his son, the Black Prince, with the principality. From that time the title has been borne by the eldest son of the reigning king.

Early American History.
Plymouth was the first permanent white settlement in New England and dates its founding from the landing of the Pilgrims, Dec. 21, 1620. The iron works on the banks of the Saugus river, established in 1642, were the first in a works established in America. A small iron pot cast there is the first forge in America is now the property of the city of Lynn and is in a glass case in the Lynn public library.

Cause of Fatigue.
A man who has made a study of the causes of fatigue declared that people get tired not because the work involves muscular effort, but because they remain in one position all day. Thus the woman who has to be on her feet at housework all day is tired—but not more so than the office woman who has to sit at a desk all day. It is the confining position without change or relaxation that makes fatigue more than laborious effort.

He Had Reformed.
Charles was known as a scrapper by all his playmates and could whip any boy in his neighborhood. Finally a new family moved to town whose boy was about his own age. Charles tackled him and received a good whipping at his hands. He went home crying and the next day announced to his playmates: "I want you all to understand that from this time on I'm an unsrapper."

Old Bell Splendidly Preserved.
In an old graveyard in County Antrim, Ireland, a farmer, while plowing, unearthed a bronze church bell weighing more than 160 lbs., and believed to be over 300 years old. The bell is in a splendid state of preservation, with a clear, powerful tone. The old Kirkmoyle parish church, where the bell was made, has been in ruins since 1622.

Beginning of Great Things.
1816, on the 7th of September, the Frontenac, the first steamboat on the Great Lakes, was launched at Ernestown, Canada, on Lake Ontario. The Frontenac was built at a cost of \$75,000. She was a stern wheeler of 700 tons and 170 feet deck length. For ten years she was in passenger service between Kingston and Niagara.

Trial by Jury.
The establishment of trial by jury dates back prior to the time of Alfred the Great. He is said to have organized juries of 12 men, as now in practice, but even earlier six Welsh and six Anglo-Saxon freemen acted as a jury when there was a dispute between Welsh and Saxons.

Just Dashed on Her.
Hazel had suffered several mishaps during the day without making a fuss, but finally she fell down the front steps and bumped her head. She sat up and rubbed the injured spot, evidently reviewing in her mind the day's misfortunes, for she burst out: "Well, I seem to be out of bad luck today!"

"Eureka!"
Eureka, or more correctly heureka, is an exclamation meaning "I have found it." It was uttered by Archimedes some 17 centuries ago when he discovered how to find whether the king's gold crown had been alloyed with silver.

Corroboration.
Little Dick, to visitor: "Have you really left all your songs at home, Mr. Hobson?" Visitor: "Yes, Dickie, but why do you keep asking me the same question?" Little Dick: "Cos mum says it's too good to be true."

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The Pine Cone.
So hard is the cone of a pine in our western forests that the imprisoned seeds cannot be propagated in the ordinary way. The best way is to burn the cone over a fire until it bursts, when the seeds escape. Forest fires give these cones their chance.

Wonderful Wisdom.
"I hear that the authorities took Mrs. de Walle's child away from her." "Fact. They said she had too much money to raise it properly."—Life.

New Fettle for Crutches.
A new fettle for crutches, wooden or cane, is tipped with rubber and contains a coiled spring inside of tubing so it revolves as well as being resilient.

Relieving Rheumatism.
Temporary relief from the pain of muscular rheumatism is often obtained from local applications of equal parts of oil of wintergreen and olive oil.

Hope Deferred.
There is in despair sometimes an energetic force which is quite as available as the stimulus which hope gives, and Alden Holcroft amid the ruins of his fancies was by no means disposed to sit down in a listless acquiescence in the inevitable. He had deluded himself with the notion that he had but to build a nest and the bird would fly to it, when he found his bird was a bird-of-paradise, that made its nest in the clouds, if anywhere.—Horace Scudder.

The Jury's Difficulty.
"Gentlemen of the jury," said a judge as he concluded his charge, "if the evidence shows in your minds that pneumonia, even indirectly, was the cause of the man's death, the prisoner cannot be convicted." An hour later a messenger came from the jury room. "The gentlemen of the jury, your lordship," he said, "desire information." "On what point of evidence?" "None, your lordship: they want to know how to spell pneumonia."

Utah's Bird Sanctuary.
The most remarkable bird colony in the world is on Hat Island, in the Great Salt Lake, Utah. The island is about twelve acres in extent, and on a rocky pinnacle 100 feet above the brine, with not a drop of fresh water to be found and apparently nothing to attract the birds except the sense of security which the island offers.

Female Inconsistency.
Why is it that the girl who won't even let a man sit on the same sofa with her will let him get a strange hold on her on a dance floor and squeeze her until you can't tell the correct ribs from the other kind?—Florida Times-Union.

Executors' Notice.
In Re Estate of John Guggie, late of the Borough of Charleroi, deceased.
Letters Testamentary upon the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all those indebted thereto to make immediate payment and to those having claims or demands to present them for settlement.
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